

I am writing as a concerned citizen who feels that corporate media has too much power. Sinclair Broadcasting should not be able to force stations to air the corporation's personal political views. It is a dangerous precedent to set.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I feel that the American people would benefit if there were more regulations on the media. For example, each party should get equal time to send out their message. Then citizens can make the best choice. That's what democracy is all about.

Thank you.